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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S HEALTH

REF: PARIS 7100 (NOTAL)

1. AT 8:10 P.M. MARCH 21, ELYSEE SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED THAT "BECAUSE OF A PAINFUL INDISPOSITION WHICH COULD BE SUBJECT TO RECURRENCE," POMPIDOU WOULD NOT PRESIDE AT DINNER FOR PARTY OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS SCHEDULED FOR THAT EVENING (MADAME POMPIDOU PRESIDED). SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL DOCTOR ISSUED THE FOLLOWING MEDICAL BULLETIN: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC IS CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM A BENIGN LESION OF VASCULAR ORIGIN, SITUATED IN THE ANO-RECTAL REGION AND INTERMITTENTLY HYPERALGIC." ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, POMPIDOU INTENDED TO KEEP TO HIS SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES MARCH 22.

2. WELL-INFORMED PRESS SOURCE TOLD US YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT POMPIDOU WOULD BE OBLIGED TO FOREGO ATTENDING THE DIPLOMATIC DINNER. THIS PRESS SOURCE ADDED THAT HE HAD

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HEARD FROM VERY GOOD SOURCE THAT FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT, PLANNED

FOR APRIL 5 AND 6, WOULD HAVE TO BE CANCELLED BECAUSE OF
STATE OF POMPIDOU'S HEALTH. WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS TIME TO
VERIFY THIS RUMOR; BOYER (QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL
EUROPE), HOWEVER, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 19 THAT AS FAR
AS HE KNEW TRIP WAS STILL ON.
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